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PCAccent EXTRA - the Los Angeles Pen Show  
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Welcome to PCAccent. This newsletter is an adjunct, an "accent" if you will, to the PCA's Web site and the PENnant. The Board of Directors will use PCAccent to keep you informed about PCA news and happenings.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS NEWSLETTER! For comments or questions, send email to PCA President Carla Mortensen. To subscribe or unsubscribe, please send email to Membership Coordinator Kim Sosin. Email addresses for Carla and Kim can be found on the PCA's Web site:  
<http://www.pencollectors.com/>

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Dear pen friends,

The Los Angeles International Pen Show will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2009. It is with some joy that we announce that the size of this show has increased every year since its inception. In 2009, we anticipate attendees from at least 25 countries! Imagine a "pen show" with people from all over the world! You can find any type of writing instrument your heart desires and often at great prices. The most current information is on our Web site:

<http://www.lapenshow.com/>

As many of you know, at the last LA Pen Show we asked attendees to tell us how we can improve the show. We were more than delighted with the responses we got. If you'd like to know how we are doing, please check out the tab at the top of the home page of the LA Pen Show Web site that reads, "Comments."

In celebration of this anniversary, the room rate at the Manhattan Beach Marriott is actually lower than in 2008 (\$125/night plus tax). Not only is that a great rate, but you can extend your stay from February 1-21, 2009 at that rate, allowing you to see the LA area and/or take the kids (or yourself) to Disneyland. In fact, if you click the link on the LA Pen Show Web site that reads, "Click here to book your room at the Marriott and get the Pen Show rate" you can book your room during any of those dates and automatically get the "Pen Show rate." IF it doesn't automatically give you that rate, just call the hotel and you can get the rate for an extended stay.

If that isn't enough to entice you to a Pen Show, there are more reasons to come. The show is fun! And, above all, please know that "pen people" are among the nicest and most interesting people you will ever meet. If you make it to this show, I would bet that you will meet friends that will be with you for a lifetime.

We have tried to minimize your expenses for attending. Once again we have a contract with Dollar Rent A Car which will give you some options to rent a vehicle for as little as \$20/day (plus tax), so traveling the area won't be an economic burden. The Marriott will be offering discounted meals at their fine restaurant. Even flights can be booked at very reasonable rates if you do it early. This is a wonderfully economical opportunity to extend your stay and see the Los Angeles area and its many attractions. If you haven't been to Beverly Hills, seen the Walk of the Stars or Grauman's Theatre or toured the waterfront, don't miss out on this opportunity. Click the "Car Rental" tab on the Web site and arrange for your rental. The Promotion Code is "LAPEN" (but don't use the quotation marks).

On Saturday, we will again have several seminars on Saturday, to be conducted by experts in their fields. See our Web site for the schedule. For both new attendees and long time collectors, the information that's provided by the speakers can be well worth the time of attending one or all. Pick your area of interest and consider attending. Remember, entry to the seminars is free with your paid admission to the show.

This show is also for children. In fact, the Pen Collectors of America have been long time supporters of all pen shows and everyone who makes, designs and uses great writing instruments. At the LA Pen Show in 2009, they will be holding a one hour seminar ("Pens for Kids") on Sunday to let children enjoy writing with a fountain pen. The seminar is free

with a paid adult entry fee, and the "kids" must be accompanied by a parent. A scavenger hunt is also available for children on Saturday and Sunday in the main ballroom and adjoining areas. Successful hunters walk away with a nice prize. It's not only fun for the kids, it's fun for the family and for our table holders too! Additionally, the PCA will have a table at the Pen Show so this is a great chance to meet the staff, subscribe to the magazine, and join a valuable membership.

We have been very aggressive in promoting the LA Pen Show this year. In light of the early replies, I think those efforts have been successful. In fact, we have also already received numerous payments for tables. Some of these are from new table holders who have decided to join us at the Pen Show. If you want to make sure you have a table for the show in 2009, we suggest you do so as soon as possible. Once the last table has been sold we won't be able to give you a table.

To make sure you get a table, fill out the brochure and send it back to us along with your payment for the table. If you haven't received the brochure at the time of this email, you can download it from the Web site. Just click the text on the home page that reads, "Click here to open details and to arrange attendance." From there you can download a letter sized brochure that can be sent back to us with your payment.

Finally, this is a reminder that if you haven't booked your room, do it AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! We have had an incredible increase in attendance and fear there may be a shortage of rooms. Additionally, the rates increase if your room isn't booked before January 26th, but to be safe we suggest booking no later than January 19th.

Please join us in LA on President's Day weekend in 2009. Since that weekend includes Valentine's day, bring your spouse, enjoy the show and stay an extra day or two to enjoy the attractions to be found in Los Angeles.

Fondest regards to you all from your hosts and friends of the LA Pen Show.